



West Virginia Association for Justice 2014 Mid-Winter Convention & Seminar

January 16 - 17, 2014
Embassy Suites ♦ Charleston

15.4 CLE hours, including 3.9 in ethics and law office management (pending)

Thursday, January 16, 2014

- 8:50 – 9:00 a.m.** **Welcome**
Bernie Layne, President ♦ West Virginia Association for Justice
- 9:00 – 9:50 a.m.** ***You Have to Know the Rules of the Game—And Then You Have to Play Better Than Anyone Else: The Importance of Knowing the Rules of Civil Procedure***
Lonnie C. Simmons – DiTrapano, Barrett, DiPiero, McGinley and Simmons, Charleston and Charles DiSalvo – West Virginia University College of Law
- 9:50 – 10:15 a.m.** ***The Disaster That Lurks Ahead: The Proposed Changes to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and What You Can Do Before It's Too Late***
Susan Steinman – Senior Director of Policy and Senior Counsel, American Association for Justice
- 10:15 – 10:30 a.m.** **Break (partially sponsored by Superior Settlements)**
- 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.** ***Litigating in the Age of Marcellus Shale: Don't Drill a Dry Hole for Your Clients***
Timothy C. Bailey – Bucci, Bailey and Javins, Charleston; Marvin W. Masters – Masters Law Firm, Charleston; and David McMahon – Law Office of David McMahon, Charleston
- NEW LAWYERS DIVISION BREAKOUT SESSION**
From the Classroom to the Courtroom: What You Should Have Learned in Law School, But They Were Afraid to Tell You
Kathryn R. Bayless – Bayless Law Firm, Princeton; Scott S. Blass – Bordas and Bordas, Wheeling; Harry G. Deitzler – Hill, Peterson, Carper, Bee and Deitzler, Charleston; and David M. Hammer – Hammer, Ferretti and Schiavoni, Martinsburg
- 11:45 – 1:15 p.m.** **WVAJ Membership Luncheon (WVAJ Members Only)**
- 1:15 – 2:30 p.m.** ***Writing More Persuasive Briefs & Memoranda: Insights, Views and Lessons from the District Court***
Frank Volk – Law Clerk to Judge John T. Copenhaver, Jr., U. S. District Court, Southern District of West Virginia and L. Anna Forbes – Law Clerk to Judge Thomas E. Johnston, U. S. District Court, Southern District of West Virginia
- 2:30 – 3:45 p.m.** ***The View from the Bench: What Judges Think About Us, Our Cases and What We Can Do Better***
The Honorable Paul T. Farrell – Judge, 6th Judicial Circuit; the Honorable David Hummel – Judge, 2nd Judicial Circuit; and the Honorable Jennifer Bailey – Judge, 13th Judicial Circuit
- 3:45 – 4:00 p.m.** **Break**
- 4:00 – 5:15 p.m.** ***Legislation That Could Affect Your Clients and Their Cases: 2014 Legislative Preview***
Invited Panelists: Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin; Senate President Jeffrey V. Kessler House Speaker Timothy R. Miley; Senate Judiciary Chair Corey Palumbo; and House Judiciary Chair Timothy J. Manchin

Friday, January 17, 2014

- 8:15 – 9:15 a.m.** *Management and Employment Law for Your Legal Practice: What You Need to Learn Now—Not As a Defendant*
Jane E. Peak – Allan N. Karlin and Associates, Morgantown
- 9:15 – 10:30 a.m.** *Defending John Edwards: Professional Ethics in the Public Eye*
Allison O. Van Laningham – Turning Point Litigation, Greensboro, North Carolina
- 10:30 – 10:45 a.m.** **Break**
- 10:45 – 12:00 p.m.** *The Insider's Advantage: Strategies Learned As a Defense Attorney That You Can Use on the Plaintiffs' Side of the Aisle*
Brian Glasser – Bailey and Glasser, Charleston; Laura C. Davis – Skinner Law Firm, Charles Town; and Todd S. Wiseman – Wiseman Law Firm, Parkersburg
- PARALEGAL DIVISION BREAKOUT SESSION**
Work Smarter, Not Harder—And We Can Help: WVAJ Paralegal Division
Bernie Layne – WVAJ President, Mani, Ellis and Layne, Charleston; Kimberly C. Good – Chair, WVAJ Paralegal Division, Mani, Ellis and Layne, Charleston; and Paula Moore – Vice Chair, WVAJ Paralegal Division, Powell and Majestro, Charleston
- 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.** **WVAJ Board of Governors Meeting and Luncheon (WVAJ Board Only)**
- 1:30 – 2:45 p.m.** *Maximize Your Verdicts and Settlements: Increase Your Success in the Courtroom by Framing Your Facts and Evidence Effectively*
Jim Lees – Hunt and Lees, Charleston
- 2:45 – 3:00 p.m.** **Break**
- 3:00 – 3:50 p.m.** *The View from the Top: West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals Update*
Rory L. Perry II, Clerk – West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals
- PARALEGAL DIVISION BREAKOUT SESSION**
A Paralegal's Guide to Motion Drafting
Thomas P. Boggs – Duffield, Lovejoy, Stemple and Boggs, Huntington
- 3:50 – 4:50 p.m.** *What You Know Can Hurt You: Your Duty to Report Ethics Violations, Substance Abuse and Legal Malpractice*
Robert M. Bastress III – DiTrapano, Barrett, DiPiero, McGinley and Simmons, Charleston and George Daugherty – Executive Director, West Virginia Lawyer Assistance Program

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The two-day WVAJ attorney seminar program is open to legal assistants who are employed by WVAJ member attorneys. In addition to the seminar program, two special paralegal breakout sessions have been planned. The regular registration fee of just \$50 for both days is available to a legal assistant who registers in conjunction with an attorney; the late registration fee is \$60.

Accommodations

The Embassy Suites Hotel is located at 300 Court Street, Charleston. A special rate of \$124 per night is available through January 4, 2014. The hotel's complimentary breakfast and manager's reception are included with your suite. To reserve your suite, phone (304)347-8700, ext. 5440 or go to www.embassy-suitescharlestonwv.com. You must use the three-letter code AFJ when making your reservation to receive the special rate; online you will enter AFJ in the group/convention code space. Regular rates will apply for reservations made after January 4, 2014.

Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be sent to the WVAJ office in writing. For a refund, less a \$25 processing fee, your cancellation must be received no later than January 7. For cancellations received January 8-13, you will be refunded 50 percent of the registration fee. There will be no refunds after January 13, but seminar materials will be sent to you.

Questions? Call (304)344-0692 or email debra.lee@wvaj.org

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If paid by credit card, you may fax your registration to (304)343-7926

Meetings and Social Events

Wednesday, January 15, 2014

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. New Lawyers Party ♦ Vandalia Lounge - 212 Hale Street

Sponsored by FORGE Consulting

Thursday, January 16, 2014, 2014

11:55 - 1:30 p.m. WVVAJ Membership Meeting & Luncheon

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Cocktail Party and Legislative Reception

Music sponsored by Structured Financial Associates

Friday, January 17, 2014

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Board Meeting & Luncheon

Sponsors and Exhibitors (through November 15)

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